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--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING--;

between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

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--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "either"; same line, delete "or claim 2,".

Claim 4, line 1, replace "any previous claim" with --claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 4, replace "any of claims 1 to 4" with --claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "either"; same line, delete "or claim 6,".

Claim 8, line 1, replace "any of claims 5 to 7" with --claim 5--.

Claim 9, line 4, replace "any of claims 1 to 4" with --claim 1--.

Claim 10, lines 2-3, replace "any of claims 5 to 8" with --claim 5--.

Claim 13, line 1, replace "any of claims 10 to 12" with --claim 10--.

Claim 16, line 1, delete "either"; same line, delete "or claim 15,".

Claim 17, line 1, replace "any of claims 14 to 16" with --claim 14--.

Claim 18, line 4, replace "any of claims 14 to 17" with --claim 14--.

Claim 20, line 1, delete "either"; same line, delete "or claim 19,".

Claim 21, replace "any of claims 18 to 20" with --claim 18--.

Claim 22, replace "any of claims 14 to 21" with --claim 14--.

Claim 23, replace "any of claims 14 to 21" with --claim 14--.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to place the above-identified application in more proper format under United States practice. By the present Preliminary Amendment the specification has been amended to include suggested headings. The claims have been amended to no longer recite any improper multiple dependencies.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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